

(c) REMARKS

The specification has been amended to clarify that this is a submission to enter the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 for PCT/JP2004/017643.

A declaration will be filed explaining that Minako Kurokawa, one of the original applicants of PCT/JP2004/017643 has married and has changed her name to Minako Nakasu. The declaration will be signed with both her maiden name, Minako Kurokawa, and her married name, Minako Nakasu. The combined Declaration filed herewith recites the submission as a national phase of PCT/JP2004/017643 and has the signature of Minako Nakasu.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

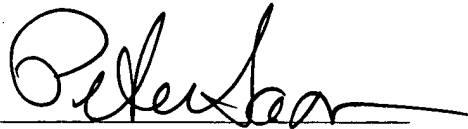
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in an attached abstract. A copy of the International Search Report listing the documents and the Written Opinion reciting JP/2003-268362A and JP 2004-14155A is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Saxon", written over a horizontal line.

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